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1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 21 January 2005 was filed after the mailing date of the Final Rejection on 3 August 2004. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

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